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CALFED Bay-Delta Program 1416 Ninth Street, Suite 1155 Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Draft EIR/EIS Comment Period Extension

Dear Sir/Madam:

The City of Redding is reviewing the draft environmental impact report/environmental impact statement (EIR/EIS) on CalFed's Bay-Delta Program. The City believes the EIR/EIS and the CalFed Program are important means of addressing California's water problems and commends CalFed's efforts. However, notwithstanding CalFed's laudable goals and efforts, we believe the EIR/EIS comment period is unreasonably short and, in fact, conflicts with CalFed's solution principles.

Because the report is lengthy, contains a tremendous amount of technical and scientific information, and addresses critical policy issues that cannot be resolved quickly, the City of Redding requests that CalFed extend the comment period by an additional five months, from July 1 to December 1, 1998. That extension would give local agencies such as the City of Redding adequate time to analyze the program and its potential impacts. Without adequate public input, participation and support, the CalFed program cannot succeed. For that reason, we believe a five month extension would greatly benefit the CalFed effort.

Thank you for considering our request for an extension.

Sincerely,

DAVID A KEHOE

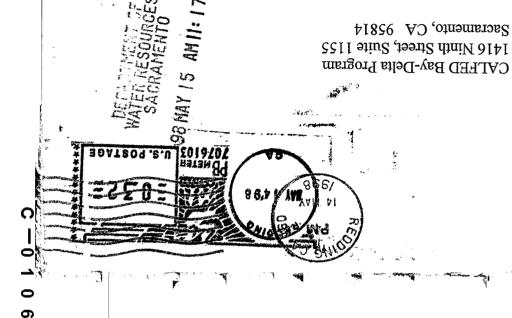
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